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Passion

PRESENT CHALLENGE:

Allowing passion to grow from compassion.

You have drawn this card in order to translate and transform feelings of frustration, anger, stagnation, close-down, or fear associated with intimacy. You may also have drawn this card to expand your understanding of sexuality so that your partnership/relationship with others can develop deeper spiritual channels.

You may want a different level of intimacy but feel others are to blame for your lack of it. You may feel frustrated and even bitter that others have relationships while you do not. You may feel lonely, distant from those with partners, and/or disappointed in the quality of your present relationship(s). Or you may wonder whether a new relationship would be different from or better than your present one. This card is meant to help you claim the passion already present in your life.

ANGELIC MESSAGE

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Humankind's attraction to intimacy is a spiritual call to bring forth divine compassion for all life and to bless the beginnings and endings of the cycles of all living things. Divine compassion is experi-



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enced as sexuality and spirituality, the mingling of the energy of the physical and the spiritual. These two entwined energies represent the ever-present and essential force of nature at work and the eternal force of spirit forever seeking renewal.

You are entering a period in the evolution of your species that requires a renewal and restabilization of spiritual energy as the natural balance to physical contact and emotional interplay. Sexual intimacy is possible when sacred overtones are in place and when procreation or enjoyment is the result of personal acceptance of love-making as a joyful and compassionate spiritual process. Expressed in this way, sexuality can help you release loneliness, discover joy and mutual expression of bliss, and recognize divine love being drawn into your heart.

Your passion is part of your compassion. Without compassion you can have no passion, for the one grows from the other. Spiritual compassion means reflecting on the presence of the Divine and seeing this image in all other living things, including your partner and other close relationships. Passion is heightened energy, and the release of this energy validates the goodness of the human experience. Your ability to love and enjoy the true nature of your relationship is thus the genuine goal of the merger of sexuality and spirituality. Passion gives rise to genuine intimacy.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance coming to you through this flower image is meant to confirm your need for passion, both physical and spiritual, in your life and to assure you that it is natural to intensely desire to spread your seed—meaning the insight and wisdom you've gleaned—to others in this world.

This guidance is suggesting that you may not always have a partner who suits your physical needs and yet you always have a partner, or had a partner or close friend, that suited your spiritual needs at the time. If you are in a partnership that seems incomplete, unsatisfying, and without joy, then you are being called to find the passion in your own life. If you are

without a partner, you are also being called to find the passion in your own life. If you are in a meaningful relationship with one special person or several close friends, then you are again being called to find the passion in your own life.

Passion is the feeling and presence of joy that arises when considering a challenge that you agree to accept. You have drawn this card of Partnership to encourage you to find the passion within your life by re-directing your energy away from confrontation and blame or simple dissipation through stress and preoccupation. You are being called to reinvest your energy and passion in your own spiritual choices and life opportunities. It takes passion to attract passion, and it takes personal spiritual responsibility to work on personal issues while at the same time creating a meaningful and safe forum for exchange with your partner and/or close friends.

APPLICATION

Are you always hard on yourself, thinking the worst of your motives and actions? Is it difficult for you to "catch yourself" engaging in these all-too-familiar destructive patterns? Are you ready to be loved and respected and to have a partner who honors your true worth and/or continues to grow with you?

Create a new message to play within your mind. Give yourself permission to be right rather than wrong, optimistic rather than pessimistic, hopeful rather than fearful, accepting of your life and your motives, and willing to be responsible for changing. Place the words "passion" and "compassion" in places where you'll have time to reflect on their meaning in light of your relationships. When you are upset with your partner or friend, ask yourself, "At whom am I really upset?" When you determine to give yourself and others compassion, you also ignite the power of passion in your life.